Action regarding streamlining madarsas functioning in India

2140. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the light of Pakistan clamping down on all the Madarsas of Pakistan and binding on them to fall in line with mainstream of Education, to curb militancy and to curb the flow of foreign funds to them; has our Government taken any steps so far to streamline Madarsas functioning to curb I.S.I. and foreign funds flowing into them;

(b) if so, the details of action taken so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Madarsa is a traditional institution for religious education. Its regulation is primarily the concern of the State Governments. Relevant laws already exist to curb militancy and the law enforcing agencies keep a close watch on the activities of all fundamentalist organisations and institutions having a bearing on communal harmony and internal security and take appropriate action wherever necessary.

So far as the flow of foreign funds into Madarsas is concerned, under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 various NGOs (including Madarsas) in India are permitted to receive foreign contribution from foreign sources for *bona-fide* activities in cultural, economic, educational, social or religious fields. Permission under the aforesaid Act is given only after careful verification of their antecedents. Funds which come through these source follow legal banking channels and are open to scrutiny and inspection. If any complaint of violation of the provisions of this Act comes to notice of the Government, appropriate action is taken under the law.

Tardy pace of some States towards modernization of police

2141. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have recently pulled up some States who are not doing enough towards modernization of police force;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;